

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY,
MARYLAND**

Resolution Number 2014-23

WHEREAS, the Patuxent River ecosystem remains in poor health, with impaired conditions in the River and in its tributaries and headwaters for fish, shellfish, birds and other wildlife; and

WHEREAS, some portions of the Patuxent River ecosystem remain in good health; and

WHEREAS, the Patuxent River watershed is an attractive area for new development, with population growth increasing nearly threefold since 1970 to almost three-quarters of a million inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the Patuxent River offers a diversity of natural, scientific, economic, cultural and educational resources which contribute immeasurably to the well-being of Maryland's residents; and

WHEREAS, careful planning and restoration efforts are necessary to maintain and increase the Patuxent River's valued resources; and

WHEREAS, Charles County has invested significantly in preservation and restoration of Patuxent River resources; and

WHEREAS, the 1980 Patuxent River Watershed Act (the "Act") requires the Maryland Department of Planning, in coordination with the Patuxent River Commission (the "Commission"), to prepare a Patuxent River Policy Plan (the "Plan") to be used as a policy guide for local governments and units of State Government in carrying out preservation and restoration action and programs within the Patuxent River Watershed, and to periodically update the Plan by amendment; and

WHEREAS, in 1984 Charles County, the other six counties within the Patuxent watershed, and the City of Laurel, first adopted the Plan, and in 2000 adopted an addendum to the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has worked with local governments and units of State government for the past two years to prepare the updated Plan, conducted informational meetings with local planning officials and elected governing boards, posted the draft updated Plan on the Commission's website for public comment, and held two public hearings on the draft updated Plan; and

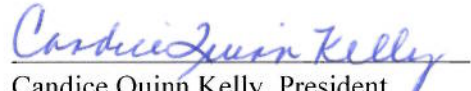
WHEREAS, on May 14, 2014, the Commission, in accordance with §5-805 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, adopted the 2015 Patuxent Policy Plan for purpose of updating the Plan; and


WHEREAS, the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan will, as contemplated by the Act and upon adoption, replace the Plan and serve as the Patuxent River Watershed preservation and restoration policy guide for Charles County, the other six counties and the City of Laurel; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan, Charles County will continue to work collaboratively with the Commission to ensure productive, responsible and thorough implementation of the Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND on this 29th day of July 2014 does hereby RESOLVE to approve and adopt the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan.

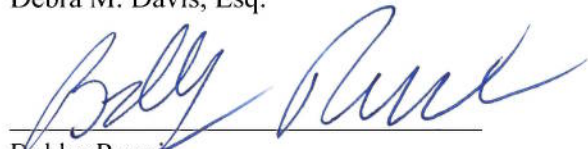
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